

April 9, 2002

Safety Group for
Ordnance and Explosives Team

SUBJECT: Safety Alert 01-02, Cell Phone Use Around
Flammable Liquids

Zapata Engineering
1100 Kenilworth Avenue
Charlotte, North Carolina 28204

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Safety Alert applies to government and contractor personnel working on U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville (USAESCH) ordnance and explosives (OE) sites.

It has come to our attention that using cell phones while refueling vehicles may be hazardous. Several incidents have been reported of cell phones starting fires when the phone rang or the individual was talking on the phone while refueling their vehicle. Cell phones have become almost a necessity in everyday life, but we must remember these phones can create unsafe situations and should not be used under certain circumstances.

Comments or questions about this Safety Alert please call the OE Safety Group, at 256-895-1589.

Sincerely,

Chief, OE Safety Group
for Ordnance and Explosives Directorate

Copy Furnished:

OE Read

OE-DC Read

OE-CX Read

OE-S Read

CT Read

ED File/Read

_____/safetyalert 01-02 (civ).doc